

Merkel, leader of Germany's Christian Democratic Union party.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush toured the Gutenberg Museum.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Wiesbaden, Germany, where, at Wiesbaden Army Airfield, they participated in a photo opportunity with distinguished servicemembers of the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division and their spouses.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Bratislava, Slovakia, where, at M.R. Stefanik Airport, they participated in an arrival ceremony.

The President announced his intention to nominate William Cobey to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations: Peter F. Baranay; James G. Berges; JoAnn Brouillette; Thomas J. Donohue; Calvin M. Dooley; Jennifer Dunn; Edward Charles Emma; John Engler; William Eldridge Frenzel; Allen E. Gant, Jr.; Nicholas Giordano; Terry D. Growcock; Herbert Fisk Johnson; Scott Klug; Charles Edward Kruse; Larry A. Liebenow; Tracy Mullin Moroney; James Winston Morrison; Edward Joseph Perkins; Kevin Barney Rollins; Lea N. Soupata; Jose Antonio Villamil; Joseph P. Ward; Wythe Willis Willey; and Wendell L. Willkie II.

The President announced his intention to designate Harvey S. Rosen as Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

February 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Radisson SAS Carlton Hotel, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a greeting with U.S. Embassy personnel.

Later in the morning, at the Presidential Palace, the President met with President Ivan Gasparovic of Slovakia. Later, in the Prime Minister's Office, he met with Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda of Slovakia.

Later in the morning, at the Slovak National Theater, the President participated in a greeting with Champions of Freedom. Later, at the Treasures Museum of Bratislava

Castle, he met with President Vladimir Putin of Russia.

In the evening, at Bratislava Castle, the President participated in a photo opportunity with President Gasparovic, Prime Minister Dzurinda, Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic Pavol Hrusovsky, and President Putin.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared an emergency in Nevada and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record and/or near record snow on January 6–10.

February 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nancy Ann Nord to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christopher J. Hanley to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint James C. Langdon, Jr., as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and, upon appointment, to designate him as Chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and Chairman of the Intelligence Oversight Board.

The President announced his intention to designate Grover Whitehurst as Acting Commissioner of Education Statistics at the Department of Education.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of President Tabare Vazquez of Uruguay on March 1: Elaine L. Chao (head of delegation), Martin J. Silverstein, and Marilyn Ware.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released February 20

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan and background briefing by a senior administration official on the President's visit to Europe

Excerpts of the President's speech at Concert Noble, Brussels, Belgium (advance text)

Released February 22

Statement by the Press Secretary: South Africa

Released February 23

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan and background briefing by a senior administration official on the President's visit to Germany

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the President's visit to Germany

Statement by the Press Secretary: Condolences for the Victims of the Earthquake in Iran

Released February 24

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Nevada

U.S.-Russia joint fact sheet: Bratislava Initiatives

Acts Approved by the President

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.